

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 8: (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A can end made of an ~~[[An]]~~ aluminum alloy ~~suitable for the production of can ends~~ comprising, in percentages by weight: more than 0.6-2.0% silicon, 0.9-2.4% iron, wherein the ratio of iron to silicon is in the range of 1.2-1.8:1, 0-0.4% copper, 0.2-0.5% manganese, 4-5% magnesium, 0-0.1% chromium, 0-0.1% titanium, 0-0.5% zinc and the balance aluminum and incidental impurities.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A can end ~~An aluminum alloy~~ according to claim 9 wherein the ratio of iron to silicon is in the range 1.3-1.6:1.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A can end ~~An aluminum alloy~~ according to claim 10 wherein the ratio of iron to silicon is in the range 1.4-1.5:1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A can end ~~An aluminum alloy~~ according to claim 9 wherein silicon is present in the range of 0.7-1.5% and iron is present in the range of 0.9-2.0%.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A can end ~~An aluminum alloy~~ according to claim 9 wherein silicon is present in the range of 0.7-1.5% and iron is present in the range of 0.9-1.5%.